

Province Update

By Maria Robinson

It's been a summer of many exciting changes for Alpha Chi Omega- Headquarters was reorganized and new positions were added, the first Province Officer Training was held at Headquarters, new Province Officers were appointed and many new Advisors are serving our Northern California Collegiate Chapters.

Headquarters reorganized? Yes, and this is great news for our Province, so let me tell you more about how it affects us... Alpha Chi Omega staff has reorganized the way it supports collegiate and alumnae chapters, individual members and volunteer officers and advisors. Collegiate and alumnae support was combined into the newly organized Member Services Department. The Member Services Department was then organized in to small, distinct regions- we're Region I, Western Region. Here's how it works; each Region has a Regional Coordinator based in Indianapolis who will coordinate and facilitate the member services requests of that region. Our Regional Coordinator is Michelle Wise Smith, an Epsilon Theta initiate. The Western Region Province Collegiate Chairs (PCC's), Province Alumnae Chairs (PAC's), and Chapter Consultants report directly to her. The new structure is extremely exciting because there is now one person to go to for all questions and needs. It's already proven to be a much more streamlined structure and we're so happy to have Michelle. If you need to reach Michelle, you can email her at: mwise@alphachiomega.org. For more information about how Headquarters is now organized, visit: www.alphachiomega.org.

Advisors Needed... we want YOU

All four of the Northern California collegiate chapters are looking for alumnae assistance. Being an alum advisor is a very rewarding experience and can truly help make the difference between a chapter that struggles and one that flourishes.

What will you do as an advisor? You will be paired with a collegiate officer in your area of focus and you will work with her to help make her position more successful.

What does it take to be an advisor?

- Willingness to help
- A commitment to visit the chapter one Monday evening a month and to contact your officer via email or phone on the other three weeks
- Ability to attend one advisory meeting every quarter (total of 3-4 times a year)

Available Positions:

Berkeley

Finance Advisor
Communications Advisor
Intellectual Development Advisor
Membership Development Advisor

Sac State

Membership Development Advisor
Education Advisor (New Member Education)

UC Davis

Membership Development Advisor
Intellectual Development
Education Advisor (New Member Education)

Cal Poly

Multiple Advisory Positions

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If you would like to get involved, please contact Katie Watson at: watsonklj@hotmail.com. Please indicate which chapter and which position you are interested in.

Collegiate Chapters

Pi Chapter

University of California at Berkeley
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Berkeley, CA 94704
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President:

Jill Pirog

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Formal Recruitment:

August 22-28

Spring Accomplishments:

- Colette Parrish named one of the 2003 Greek Leaders of the Year at the 2003 Greek Achievement Awards.
- Alpha Chi Omega, Pi Chapter, won the Gold Circle in the Greek Standards of Excellence Award Category at the 2003 Berkeley Greek Achievement Awards.

Key Dates Planned for Fall 2003:

- Saturday, October 4th – Presents Dance at Jack London Square, around 6 P.M.



Epsilon Theta Chapter

California State University, Sacramento
www.sacstateaxo.com

President:

Kelly Takemori

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Recruitment Chair:

Kaila Ricci

kailaricci@yahoo.com

Recruitment:

September 12- 16



Collegiate Chapters...continued

Theta Pi Chapter

University of California at Davis

<http://asucd.ucdavis.edu/organizations/greek/axo/index.html>

President:

Lauren Karp

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Co-Recruitment Chairs:

Nazy Javid

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Colleen Lopez

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Recruitment Dates:

September 22-28

Spring Accomplishments:

- During COB, Chapter brought 23 New Members that were initiated on May 16th
- We had a clothing drive that brought in 32 large brown garbage bagfuls of clothing. This was all donated to Women Escaping a Violent Environment (WEAVE) in Sacramento and the Salvation Army
- We began a Purple Ribbon Campaign on campus that consisted of passing out flyers and purple ribbons to make students more aware of Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April
- This summer, we have two women studying abroad in England, one woman in Paris, and one woman in Greece
- This summer, we are taking care of our chapter house by installing new floors in the kitchen, laundry room, study lounge, and bathrooms.

Key Dates Planned for Fall 2003:

- October 22- Etiquette Dinner for New Members
- November 21- Initiation
- December 1- Scholarship Dinner

Chapter Needs:

- September 10- Alumnae to help serve lunch at welcome back picnic
- 2 new couches for informal living room
- Dining room table that seats 14

Epsilon Omega

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President:

Brooke Cavanaugh

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Recruitment Chair:

Molly Brown

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Recruitment Dates:

September 26-30

Key Dates Planned for Fall 2003:

- November 1- Presents

Alumnae Chapters

Delta Zeta Delta

San Mateo

<http://www.alphachiomega.net/chapters.sanmateo.htm>

President

Bonnie McClure

650.591.5057

Membership Chair

Karen Mayers

650.952.2035

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Key Dates Planned for Fall 2003:

Meetings are generally the 3rd Tuesday of each month

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(Please RSVP to Karen Mayers)

- Tues.Sept.9, 6:30PM:
Feng Shui Welcome Dinner
- Tues.Nov.11 6:30PM:
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- Tues.Dec.9 Noon:
Xmas Lyre Exchange

Lunch Bunch Group

- Tues.Sept16
Yaas, 3rd Ave., San Mateo
RSVP Fran K. 650 593-4051
- Tues Oct.21
Cafe Gibraltar, El Granada
RSVP Jane S. 650 712-1414
- Tues.Nov.17
Hola,Carlmont Ctr.,Belmont
RSVP Bonne M. 650 591-5057

Procrastinators Group

- Sun.Nov. 9th, 1:00 PM
Xmas Cards @ Jane's HalfMoonBay
RSVP Fran K. 650 593-4051

Walkers Group

Contact: Joanne Fraysse
650 589-6649

- Meet monthly, usually 3rd or 4th Sat.
around 10 AM, to walk all over the Bay
Area. Contact Joanne to obtain our
2003-04 Walkers Schedule.

Gamma Iota Gamma

San Jose

<http://www.alphachiomega.net/chapters.sanjose.htm>

President

Julie Herndon

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Zeta Chi Zeta

Marin County

<http://www.alphachiomega.net/chapters.marin.htm>

President

Nina Tychinin

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VP - Membership

Barbara Lockhart

415. 256-9553

Key Accomplishments:

- We had a very successful "plant and seedling" sale as a spring fund raiser

Gamma Psi Gamma

Sacramento

President

Claudia Bays

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Membership Chair

Kerry Finley

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Theta Theta

Berkeley

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President

Mary Gagliardi

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Donna Houser

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Alumnae Chapters... continued

Delta Tau Delta

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President

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Alpha Beta Alpha

San Francisco

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President

Stephanie Mazely

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Etc...

Bay Area Council Annual Luncheon

The San Francisco Bay Area Council (BAC) originated in the 1950s as a forum for local Alpha Chi Omega alumnae to share ideas and support collegiate chapters. In the 1970s, turbulent civic and campus events drove the BAC to create an environment for alumnae support as well. The first social gathering was an annual Reunion Luncheon held in Jack London Square. With very few changes, it's been happening ever since.

In more recent years, the BAC introduced a collegiate Scholarship Award, courtesy of a major donation from the Barbara MacGregor family. This award is maintained by annual contributions to the scholarship fund from each local alumnae chapter, proceeds from our annual raffle, and ticket proceeds from the annual Reunion Luncheon. Our Alumna Appreciation Award honors the women working to keep Alpha Chi Omega strong in the Bay Area.

At this year's Carnation Reunion Luncheon, the BAC was proud to announce that Joanne Fraysse is the winner of our 2003 Outstanding Alumna Award. Joanne is a graduate of UC Santa Barbara (Delta Psi Chapter) and the outgoing President of the Delta Zeta Delta/San Mateo Alumna Chapter. Also presented at this year's event was the Barbara MacGregor Memorial Scholarship Award to Megan Mitchell, the President of Pi Chapter and a senior at UC Berkeley with a 3.6 GPA.

For more information about the Bay Area Council or to attend the annual Reunion Luncheon, please visit the BAC website at: www.alphachiomega.net

Alumna Spotlight

By Katie Watson

Northern California has been fortunate to have Margo Kruer Fenzl helping shape our chapters for the past 10 years.

Margo was initiated in 1993 at the Epsilon Theta chapter at California State University, Sacramento. She first became involved as an alumna by serving as the Chapter Advisor and Finance Advisor to Pi Chapter, UC Berkeley. Margo fulfilled those two positions for a total of four years, during which time Pi experienced tremendous change. Margo also served on the National California Steering Committee and helped with



2003 Barbara MacGregor scholarship winner Megan Mitchell with BAC President Pat Heesch



Sisters in the bond

Alumna Spotlight... continued

California initiatives, such as the appointment of a UC Riverside advisory team.

Margo's recent involvement has included serving two terms as Province Collegiate Chair for Northern California. Margo has been incredibly committed to the collegiate women and I know that all four chapters, UC Davis, Cal State Sacramento, Cal Poly, and UC Berkeley have benefited from her work. As Margo wraps up her second term as PCC, Northern California wants to take a moment to thank her for all that she has done for our chapters. Her dedication to collegiate and alumnae women is truly remarkable. Margo has jokingly asked, "what will I do with my free time now that I don't have daily PCC commitments"? We're certain that Margo won't let the hiatus last long, as the local alumnae chapters and Bay Area Council would be lucky to have her assistance.



When not volunteering for with Alpha Chi Omega, Margo spends time with her husband Matt and her son Mason. Her professional commitment includes teaching high-school English to at-risk students in Union City.

On behalf of all Northern California Alpha Chi Omegas, we want to thank you Margo!

Meet Your Province Chairs

Province Collegiate Chair

Katie Watson

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Katie is an initiate of Iota Nu Chapter, UCSD. Upon graduation, Katie had the opportunity to work for Alpha Chi Omega as a traveling consultant. After moving to Northern California, Katie became involved with Berkeley as the Pi co-Chapter Advisor with Margo Fenzl. Katie is serving her second term as PCC and is very excited to work with the Northern California province. She lives in San Jose with her husband Jason.

Province Alumnae Chair

Maria Robinson

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Maria is an initiate of Epsilon Theta Chapter, CSUS. As a Collegian, Maria held several offices, including; Chapter President. After graduation, Maria served one year as the Education Advisor for Epsilon Theta and the following five years as the Recruitment Advisor for Theta Pi. This is her first term as PAC and she is excited to have the opportunity to work with the Northern California Alumnae Chapters. Maria and her husband Dustin recently moved back to Sacramento from the Bay Area.

We Want to Hear From You!

The Province Newsletter will be published quarterly and we want to hear from your Collegiate or Alumnae Chapter! We're looking for:

- Updated officer lists, including; phone numbers and email addresses
- Recruitment recaps and membership updates
- A list of your Fall accomplishments
- Key Dates planned for Spring
- Photos, photos and more photos!

To be included in the newsletter, please send your updates- VIA EMAIL- by December 15, 2003
Collegians- send your updates to Katie Watson: watsonklj@hotmail.com
Alumnae- send your updates to Maria Robinson: maria_robinson@hotmail.com